instructions issued vide Ministry of Health and Family Welfare O.M. No. S-11011/7/99-CGHS(P) dated 30th September, 1999, CGHS beneficiaries can avail medical services at out station in any dispensary while on tour, leave or in unforeseen emergency.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Labelling of ingredients on packaged food

1268. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has issued any notification relating to labelling requirements for packaged food, manufactured and sold in India and thus aligning with the international standards;

(b) whether the amended Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, ensure that such labels contain full information relating to ingredients, quantity used, nutritional information per 100 grams/ml. expiry date, etc; and

(c) whether the existing staff suffice or additional staff with special orientation will be required to ensure compliance with the amended provision?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) A daft notification has been published in Gazette of India vide G.S.R. 694 (E) dated the 28th November, 2005 for inviting objections/suggestions from the public. As per the draft rules, every package of food shall indicate the full information relating to ingredients, quantity used including percentage of ingredients, which is emphasized as present through words or pictures or graphics, nutritional information per 100gm or per 100 ml alongwith percentage of nutrients, date of expiry, country of origin etc.

Staff as per the sanctioned strength will suffice. The Orientation Training Courses to regulatory staffs are being imparted under the World Bank Assisted Capacity Building Poject on Food and Drugs.